

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, education is the pathway to a brighter and more prosperous future, and teachers shape, educate, and prepare Montana children for theirs; and

WHEREAS, many teachers, especially in our rural districts, wear multiple hats to get kids the instruction and mentorship they need; and

WHEREAS, starting teacher pay in Montana is the lowest in the country, and our TEACH Act signed into law in March 2021 provides \$2.5 million per year in incentives to increase starting teacher pay; and

WHEREAS, teachers, who during the pandemic have gone from teaching in front of classrooms to teaching in front of computer screens, are heroes; and

WHEREAS, Montana has led the nation in getting kids back into the classroom, to best serve the health, education, and development of our students;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim May 3-7, 2021 to be

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

in honor and recognition of Montana teachers and the noble work they do.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor